

## **IN THE CLAIMS:**

1. (Currently Amended) A method for automated project accountability comprising:  
determining at least one decision maker of a project preparation;  
electronic forum determining a readiness category for the decision maker;  
providing a readiness category rating for the readiness category;  
determining a decision process for the readiness category and readiness category rating;  
conducting a project assessment as a function of the decision process; and  
determining a project readiness as a function of the project assessments.
2. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 further comprising: assigning vote weighting to the decision maker.
3. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 further comprising:  
changing a project management application graphical interface, as a function of the project assessment.
4. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 further comprising:  
assigning a time limit in association with the project assessment and the project readiness.
5. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 further comprising:  
providing a collaborative environment for the decision maker.
6. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 5 wherein the collaborative discussion mechanism is invoked for determining the readiness category, determining the decision process, conducting the project assessment, and determining the project readiness.
7. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 wherein the determination of at least one decision maker further comprises:  
providing project information from a project creator; accessing a data repository;  
retrieving a list from the data repository;  
selecting a project decision maker as a function of the project information and list; and

selecting at least one contributing decision maker as a function of the project information, list, and project decision maker.

8. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 7 further comprising:

providing technical information from the project creator; and providing security information from the project creator.

9. (Previously Presented) A system for automated project accountability comprising:

means for determining at least one decision maker of a project preparation;  
means for determining a readiness category for the decision maker;  
means for providing a readiness category rating for the readiness category;  
means for determining a decision process for the readiness category and readiness category rating;  
means for conducting a project assessment as a function of the decision process; and  
means for determining a project readiness as a function of the project assessments.

10. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 9 further comprising:

means for assigning vote weighting to the decision maker.

11. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 9 further comprising:

means for changing a project management application graphical interface, as a function of the project assessment.

12. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 9 further comprising:

means for assigning a time limit in association with the project assessment and the project readiness.

13. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 9 further comprising:

means for providing a collaborative environment for the decision maker.

14. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 9 wherein the means for determination of at least one decision maker further comprises:

- means for providing project information from a project creator; means for accessing a data repository;

- means for retrieving a list from the data repository;

- means for selecting a project decision maker as a function of the project information and list; and

- means for selecting at least one contributing decision maker as a function of the project information, list, and project decision maker.

15. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 14 further comprising:

- means for providing technical information from the project creator; and

- means for providing security information from the project creator.

16. (Previously Presented) A computer readable medium storing a computer program comprising:

- computer readable code for determining at least one decision maker of a project preparation;

- computer readable code for determining a readiness category for the decision maker;

- computer readable code for providing a readiness category rating for the readiness category;

- computer readable code for determining a decision process for the readiness category and readiness category rating;

- computer readable code for conducting a project assessment as a function of the decision process; and

- computer readable code for determining a project readiness as a function of the project assessments.

17. (Previously Presented) The computer readable medium of claim 16 further comprising:

- means for assigning vote weighting to the decision maker.

18. (Previously Presented) The computer readable medium of claim 16 further comprising:  
computer readable code for changing a project management application graphical interface, as a function of the project assessment.
19. (Previously Presented) The computer readable medium of claim 16 further comprising:  
computer readable code for assigning a time limit in association with the project assessment and the project readiness.
20. (Previously Presented) The computer readable medium of claim 16 further comprising:  
computer readable code for providing a collaborative environment for the decision maker.
21. (Previously Presented) The computer readable medium of claim 16 wherein the computer readable code for determination of at least one decision maker further comprises:  
computer readable code for providing project information from a project creator;  
computer readable code for accessing a data repository;  
computer readable code for retrieving a list from the data repository;  
computer readable code for selecting a project decision maker as a function of the project information and list; and  
computer readable code for selecting at least one contributing decision maker as a function of the project information, list, and project decision maker.
22. (Previously Presented) The computer readable medium of claim 21 further comprising:  
computer readable code for providing technical information from the project creator; and  
computer readable code for providing security information from the project creator.